

# Road Transport: Services for Bus and Coach Operators

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## Introduction

If you are an operator of coaches, mini-buses or other public service vehicles, you should talk to our specialist road transport team.

We are here to take care of the issues that often slow your business down or keep you awake at night.

Whether these issues arise from: DVSA, Police, HSE or Trading Standards investigations; prosecution of your drivers; ensuring that your commercial contracts adequately protect your business; headaches over regulatory or environmental issues; disputes with passengers (or clubs, societies, or other groups that represent passengers); or dealing with how you resource your business and manage your people – our team can help.

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## Our Services

Our team will advise you on:

- Operator Licensing
  - Passenger rights and operator obligations under EU legislation
  - Tachograph and drivers' hours offences
  - Representing you and your drivers before the Courts or the Traffic Commissioner; and in Appeals to the Upper Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber (Transport Tribunal)
  - Issues arising from carrying passengers outside the UK
  - Environmental regulations
  - Risk management before; during; and after regulatory investigations
  - Agreements with passengers and suppliers
  - Driver obligations (ensuring that your business is compliant)
  - HR strategies (including hiring overseas drivers)
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## Why Shulmans?

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Our specialist team has more than 25 years' experience in dealing with the kinds of risk faced by organisations like yours. We understand the issues that are crucial to the success of your business.

We will work hard to identify your business objectives and your main challenges (and headaches!). We can then work with you to prioritise actions and to ensure that you receive relevant advice that can really make a positive difference to your organisation.

In an emergency – such as a visit by the authorities to your premises to execute a search warrant – we can be on the end of the telephone 24 hours a day and ready to act at a moment's notice. Our team will also manage things so that any adverse publicity is minimised or eradicated.

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## Testimonials

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“Richard Wadkin of Shulmans is described by commentators as 'effective, well prepared and unflappable.' He is highlighted as 'a thorough expert in all aspects of road transport regulation and enforcement.’” – [Chambers and Partners](#)

“Richard Wadkin... one of the foremost transport practitioners in the region.” – [Legal 500](#)

“Richard Wadkin... has a national reputation for both the advisory and the contentious aspects of road transport work.” – [Legal 500](#)

“Richard Wadkin... Market sources highlight him as being '*tactically astute*’.” – [Chambers and Partners](#)

“Richard Wadkin... '*is very detailed and thorough in everything he does: he makes sure every t is crossed and i is dotted*’.” – [Chambers and Partners](#)

“Richard Wadkin is one of the best solicitors with whom I have ever worked for this type of work.” – [Mark Laprell, Specialist Road Transport Barrister](#)

“Dedicated, able and hard-working... first-class solicitors.” – [Robert Smith QC](#)

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## Your team

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